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Mr. MORTON (Rep., Ind.) Invored the passage of the bill. Daring the late pane, he said, there were but few failures among the National banks, most of the failures being confined to private banking houses. He had been told that now there were private banking-houses in New York which were doing a large business on the money of depositors without a dollar of their own being invested. As National banks, they would be open to the inspection of Government officers, but as private institutions ne one but themselves knew how they were conducted.

ducted.

Mr. MERRIMON (Rep., N. C.) hoped the bill would pot pass. He favored the exaction of increased securities from National banks. If this were done, it would save to strengthen public confidence in them.

Without taking a vote, the Senate, at 2:50 p. m., on motion of Mr. HAMLIN (Rep., Me.) went into Executive Session. At cit p. m., the doors were reopened and the Benate adjourned till to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The House proceeded to the call of States

for bills, and a large number were introduced and re-Among them were the following: By Mr. FRYE (Rep., Me.)-For the appointment of a

commission on the alcoholic liquor traffic By Mr. PIERCE (Rep., Mass.) For the resumption of

By Mr. CLARK (Rep., N. Y.)-For a public building at

Rechester.

By Mr. BASS (Rep., N. Y.)—For an additional Judicial Listrict in New-York.

By Mr. COX (Dem., N. Y.)—To protect shipping on the Atlantic from the destructive eastern gales; also, for the better preservation of harbors, channels, and lakes.

By Mr. PERRY (Dem., N. Y.)—To make Albany a port lentry and delivery.

By Mr. KELLEY (Rep., Penn.)—For the issue of conerubic bonds and the reduction of interest on the

By Mr. CALDWELL (Dem., Ala.)-For reciprocal free rate with the Spanish American possessions.

By Mr. SLOSS (Dem., Ala.)—Grantiff the franking rivilege to publishers of newspapers for journals sailed te subscribers within the county, and for ex-

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By Mr. MAYNARD (Rep., Tenn.)—For uniform rates on
railroads; also, for the redesimption of a part of the
bended debt of the United States.

By Mr. COBURN (Rep., Ind.)—Authorizing National
banks to withdraw bonds in proportion to their reduction of circulation; also, granting a pension to the
widow of Gen. Canby.

By Mr. FORT (Rep., Ill.)—To frepeal the Bankraptey
law; also, for a survey and report of the cost of a
double track railroad from Omaha to, New-York City for
the transportation of heavy freight.

By Mr. Mr. HURLBUT (Rep., Ill.)—For the distribution
and free transmission of public documents.

By Mr. CONGER (Rep., Mich.)—For the free delivery
of newspaper exchanges within the county of publication.

By Mr. FIELD (Rep., Mich.)—For the issue of 3 55 100

leader notes.

By Mr. LOUGHRIDGE (Rep., Iowa)—To impose a tax
On incomes of \$1,000 and over. Also, to regulate commerce between the States and to regulate reasonable
Tates of railroad charges for freight.

By Mr. ELDRIDGE (Dem., Wis.) by request—For reclammer the swamp and overflowed lands at the BrookTyr Navy Nacd.

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By Navy-Yard.
By Mr. AVERILI. (Rep., Minn.)—For the further extension of the time of the St. Paui and Pacific Railroad
Company to complete its line.
By Mr. NESMITH (Dem., Oregon)—To transfer to the
War Department the management of Indian affairs.
By Mr. CHAFFEE (Rep., Col.)—For the issue of conVirtable bonds and National bank currency.
By Mr. ARMSTRONG (Dem., Dakota)—To establish a
territorial government in Pemouna.
By Mr. FOSTER (Rep., Ohio), by request—To facilitate
commerce between the States and to diminish the exTenses thereof.

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THE BASKEUPTCY LAW. THE BANKEUPTCY LAW.

Mr. TREMAIN (Rep., N. Y.), from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill to repeal the Bankruptcy law, and moved to suspend the rules so as to bring the bill before the Bouse.

The bill was read. The first section repeals the Bank-The bill was read. The first section repeals the Bankrupt law and all its amendments. The second provides
that where there are bankruptery proceedings pending, a
majority (in value) of its creditors whose claims have
been proved, or are provable, are to determine inhibit
manner and on what terms and conditions the existe of
the bankrupt shall be administered, and such resolution
shall be immediately confirmed by the fourt. Further
sections arrange the details.
After various propositions and suggestions, the motion
was used field so as to make the bill the special order for
to-merrow, to devote two hours to its discussion, and
then to have a vote taken without dilatory motions. It
was so ordered.

THE NATIONAL PINANCES.

Mr. DAWES (Rep., Mass.) called the attention of the Bouse to the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury for an increase of taxation to the amount of \$40,000,000, and said that the Committee of Ways and ans had instructed him to offer the following resolu-

cas. The Secretary of the Treasury has recommended in an of-ter to the Committee of Ways and Mesta an increase in certain daties and internal trastion; therefore, be it red. That the heads of the several Benertments be instructed to their estimates of expenditures for the next fiscal year, with a was their estimates of expenditures for the next flood year, with a most element of the country, to a reduction therein, as to report the same to the House, to the end that all possible efforts reduction be exhausted before now hundress be imposed on the people. He said that it had come to the knowledge of the Committee of Ways and Means, since it had instructed bim report that revolution, that the Committee on Appropriations had been considering the same matter. The committees had come to an agreement on a resolution which the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations would offer, and he yielded to him for that

Mr. GARFIELD (Rep., Ohio), from the Committee on

etter for the Committee of Variance and a committee of the confider. Such internal labration therefore, so direct. That the President to requested to come a revision of exiduates to be made to the secretal escentive departments, and cause a ties to be made to the House. If possible as early as the first of are vers, setting forth in detail what public expenditures for the next fixed year can be re-

blickerise (Rep., Mass.) asked Mr. Garfield how the believed the estimates could be reduced if had been properly made up, to carry out existing

and views by the suggestion of increased taxation. Still, it was only after all measures shall have failed, that taxation should be resorted to, and when they had failed he had no doubt that the Committee of Ways and Moans would have the cooperation of the gentleman from New York (Mr. Cox), and all others with whom he associated, in any proper effort to maintain the credit of the country abroad, and to meet the necessary expenses at home. He knew of nobody engaged in the conduct of public affairs who desired anything else but that. It had seemed to both of those Committees incumbent upon them first, although arged to take apand pass before the holidays, a bill to raise \$42,000,000, by increased taxation, to ask Congress to make this appeal to the heads of departments, in order to see, when Congress returned after the holidays, whether it was then possible to refrain from this extreme measure.

Mr. BUTLER (Rep., Mass.) said he was a practical man, and rather looked to practical results. He supposed that it was no secret that the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury recommended that there should be a tax on tea and codice, and an increase of taxation on whisky and tobacco.

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Mr. BUTLER—No; but so far. If that tax is to be put on at all, it should be put on instantly; otherwise it will yield no revenue, because, in addition to the immense amount of whisky that would be distilled, all the tobacco would be forced into consumption or into such hands as that it would escape taxation and the merchants would import all the tea and coffee wanted for a year, before the tax would reach it, so that we shall have raised the tax on tea, coffee, whisky and tobacco. Without each it, so that we shall have raised the tax on tea, coffee, whisky and tobacco. Without any advantage to the Government. If, therefore, we are to have taxation on these articles at all, it should be imposed at once, because when we wait for the two or three or four or five millions, and I pledge my word that I do not believe it can be eight millions of reduction in the estimates, it will be too late for any effectual taxation on these articles. I mean that while we are watting to get statistics of this reduction, the whole benefit of taxation will be taken away by the large importation of the articles on which taxation is expected to be raised.

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Mr. HUTLER—I will come to that in a moment. I say that all the advantage of such taxation will be taken away from the Government and simply put into the hands of the owners of the produce or imported goods to enhance the price. I wonder, therefore, why there had not been another suggestion to the country another to reduce the unterest on the public or into the produce of the be raised. Mr. DAWES-Does my colleague mean to suggest the

those who hold our bonds abroad and at some that we are in such a condition financially that the only way we can meet the interest on our bonds now out, and our current expenditures, is to interease our interbetchers.

Mr. BUTLER—My learned colleague, with his usual adroitness, has taken away from my accament on the main gaestion and put his whole reply on a pirrace. I spoke of paring down. He may pare down, cat down, such down, any way he pieases, and I will go as far as I can in my judgment to aid him in rigid concomy, but holding open the question whether tea and coffee and whisky and tobacco shall be taxed, while he is paring, enting, or slashing, whichever phrase he likes best, is simply putting into the flass best, is simply putting into the government deriving any advantage from it. That is what I object to, My colleague talks about affecting our credit in Europe. I have heard that before, and I want to say here and now, that we have had it on much are now sending \$125,00,000 in gold every year to pay the interest on them, and the quicker they stop taking our bonds the better I shall be satisfied. I have always been told whenever I said a word about bringing down the rate of interest by which he Kational banks make their dividends of 10 or 15 per cent, and lay up 20 per cent surplus every year, that I was huring the credit of the country abroad. Why, Sir, we carried on the war without any credit abroad was so raised that those bonds for which we had received from 30 to 50 per cent surplus every year, that I was huring the credit of the country abroad. Why, Sir, we carried on the war without any credit abroad was so raised that those bonds for which we had received from 30 to 50 per cent surplus every wear that broads and then we passed an act by which our credit abroad was so raised that those bonds for which we had received from 30 to 50 cents on the dollar, we had to buy back at 110 or 12. I do not want to see that process going on any longer. I am not anxious what the Jew bankers of Karope may think a

Mr. MUTHELD and it was impossible for its countries. The control of the control o

proposition which he had already submitted to the House, of parceling out the work of the Committees on Appropriations among half a dozen other Committees. At the close of the discussion the question was taken on Mr. Garfield's resolution, and it was adopted.

Mr. DAWES then submitted a resolution for the adournment over the holidays, from Tuesday, Dec. 23, till Menday, Jan. 5.

Monday, Jan. 5.
Mr. SCOFIELD moved to amend by making it extend from Friday, Dec. 19, till Tassday, Jan. 6.
Mr. SCOFIELD'S amendment was agreed to by 145
Yeas to 114 Nays, and the resolution as amended was Mr. KELLEY (Rep., Penn.) asked leave to offer the

following resolution:

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burden the people should not be increased, but that the extraordinary

means, if any he required, for the support of the Government during the

temperary paralysis of the industries of this country, now nevading,

should be obtained by a temporary lean or leans, hearing a low rate of

interest in currency and redoctmable in United States notes.

Mr. DAWES objected, unless the resolution was re-ferred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Mr. KELLEY moved to suspend the rules and adopt the resolution.
Mr. WHEELER (Rep., N. Y.) moved that the House

adjourn.

The motion, which was regarded somewhat in the light of a test vote on Mr. Kelley's resolution, was agreed to Yeas, 119: Nays, 114. The House, therefore, at 16 minutes before 5 o'clock, adjourned. NOMINATIONS BY THE PRESIDENT. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.-The President sent

the following nominations to the Senate to-day: the following nominations to the Senate to-day:

John L. Pennington of Alabama to be Governor of Dakota; Willist P.

Ottinger, Register of the Land Office at Sait Lake City; Ames M.

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Pension Agent Fort Wayne, Ind.; L. K. Aaker, Register of the Land Office at

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Position Pell, Fort Smith, Ark.; John G. Pool, to be Collector of

Canonas for the District of Sandavky, O.; Commodore William Regnolds,

to be Rent-Admirat's Chillian J. Kipper, to be Assistant-Surgeon in the

Carpir, Robert W. Hughes, to be District Joing for the Eastern Dastrict

of Viginia: William B. Hant, to be Marshal for the Southern District

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Wheeler, Marshal for Southern

HOME NEWS.

BREMOMETRE, YESTERDAY, AT HUDNUTS, IN EROADWAY

FEGMINENT ARRIVALS.

Fifth Arenne Hotel—James T. Fields of Boston, Gen. Cooper of Aliany, Robert H. Heriell of Goden, Col. W. L. Scott of Brief, Penn. the Hon. Sathanad Wheeler and C. S. Bushnell of Concerticat. St. Nicholas Botel—Judge Theodore Milier of Bushnell of Concerticat. St. Nicholas Botel—Judge Theodore Milier of Bushnell of Concerticat. St. Nicholas Botel—Judge Theodore Milier of Bushnell Administration of Onio. Eccrett House—S. H. Kandhann of Washington. Fermiout House—Albert Bierstadt. Window Hotel—J. B. James Albans, and George de B. Keim, Philadelphia. Girchard Milier Delimore. St. St. Bush Boote—Jenes—St. Tellas Bushnell of Delimore. Westmonster House—Jenes—Britanester House—Jenes—Britanester House—Jenes—Britanester Gommander House—Jenes—Britanester Judel—Jenes—Britanester Commander J. C. Kennett. J. R. Aramark Hotels—Jenes—Britanester J. C. Kennett J. R. Aramark Hotels—Jenes—Britanester J. C. Kennett J. R. Aramark Hotels—Jenes—Britanester Jenes—Britanester Jenes—Britanes

The sailing of the Pacific mail steamship Controller Green received yesterday paynents of taxes to the amount of \$101,428 60, and paid varrants to the amount of \$229,428 46.

Examinations were held last week of canditales to fill vacancies as clerks, night inspectors, and inspectors. Owing to the pressure of business the Examining Board has made no decision.

The case of Harry Genet for false pretenses

and grand farcens was on the calendar for trial, in the court of Over and Terminer, yesterday, but owing to the adjournment out of respect to the memory of Judge Nelson, was set down for this morning. Thomas Brown, a one-eyed man, had the

nisfortune during a quarrel in a liquor scioon on Eighth-

or punder on Pier No. 7, N. R., early yesterday morn-

man. Patrolman Mulroeney of the Twenty-seventh Precinet heard the watchman shouling, and running apen the part, saw the thieves rowing toward the middle of the river. The efficient fired seven shots from his revolver at the thieves, and, it is believed, wounded one The announcement of the Grand Trunk Railway, setting forth that they will agree to furnish cargo for two large steamers each week, from Portland or Boston to Liverpool or Glascow, upon through bills of lading from all places in Canada and the Western States, upon a division of the freights to be agreed upon, forestandows that New-York must fight for it if she retains her present share of the foreign commerce of North America.

The rumor of an intended strike by the 2,000 abovers on the Fourth-ave, improvement proved to be untrue yesterday. The laborers apparently are glad that they have regular employment during the present Win they have regular employment during the present Win-ter, and there has been no actiation among them to de-mand higher wages or fewer hours of labor. The con-tractors affirm that at least 100 men apply for employ-ment every day, and that the entire body of laborers could be quickly replaced with new hands if they should strike. In order to give employment to the destitute, the contractors are engaged in cutting stone which will not be needed for a year to come.

In consequence of the changes to be made st of January when the newly-elected Sherif ment is noticeable among the present deputy sheriffs and the clerks of the County Clerk's sherills and the cierts of the County Clerk's
office. Several of the present deputies are
known to be unwilling to hold office after
Sheriff Erennen's term expires, but the majority of them
are negotiating to secure their retention under the incoming Sheriff. The changes to take piace in the
Sherif's office so far as is known are; William C. Couner succeeds Matthew T. Brennan as Sheriff; John T.
Campange succeeds Joel O. Stevens as under-Sheriff.

The Committee of the Wine and Spirit Traders' Society of the United iStates, appointed for the purpose of piacing themselves in communication with the managers of the several railroads, for the purpose of inducing them to classify wines and liquors at a lower rate of freight than hitherto paid, have received the following communication, dated bee, I., 1875, and signed by the treight ascents of the Eric Railway, the New-York Central and Hudson River, and the Pennsyls—We have the day agreed to make the following charges in classification, taking effect Monthy, Ibea, 16, 1870, via: Liquors in wood not otherwise specified first-class; liquors in wood, valued at \$1 per guilta, when so stated on shapping receipt by shippers, third class; erace densets whish, \$29 valuation, from fourth class.

Conversely Course valuation, from fourth class.

Coroner Young yesterday afternoon held the

inquest touching the death of Police Officer Burns of the Eighth Precinct, who was murdered on the night of time, the negro being a prisoner whom Burns was taking to the station-house. There was no evidence to show that Hatch was seen to strike the blow, and he positively denied all knowledge of it yesterday. He is a
negro of bad reputation, however, and his shrewd and
careful manner of giving his testimony was against
him. Another witness, Johnson, swore positively that a
negro called Black Al struck the officer down, and that
Hatch was innocent. This man, Black Al, whose real
name is unknown, the police have not yet been able to
arrest. The jury evidently did not believe the story of
Johnson, for they brought in a verdict that the murder
was committed by some one unknown, and the mystery
surrounding the murder of the officer therefore remains
almost as unfathounable as before. The Coroner then
committed the two negroes to the Tombs to await the
action of the Grand Jury. that Hatch was seen to strike the blow, and he posi-

BROOKLYN.

It is rumered that over a week ago persons disguised as Sisters of Charity entered the Board of Ed eation building, in Red Hook Lane, in broad daylight with pistols in their bands, intimidated the officials, ransacked the archives, and departed, and that the Board have not placed the matter in the hands of the police or allowed the matter to become public. The story has not been confirmed.

A resolution was offered at the session of the Board of Aldermen, yesterday, that the proposition of E. P. Gleason and others associated with him, to fur nish a fixed illuminating cas of standard fifteen-candle nish a fixed illuminating cas of standard fifteen-candle power to citizens of Brooklyn and the city corporation, for a period of not less than 20 years, at the rate of \$2\$ per thousand feet, should be accepted. It was moved to advertise for proposals for laying gas mains in the streets of the city, and farmishing gas of not less than fitteen-candle illuminating power to public building and imps and private consumers at the lowest prefined in the city of the city of the city of the city of the consumers at the lowest prefined in the case of \$2\$ per thousand cubic feet. Action upon these and several other resolutions was deferred.

LONG ISLAND.

HUNTINGTON .- The injunction order granted by Jude John R. Reid in regard to the Kelsey case and made returnable before Judge Gilbert in the Sepreme Court, Brooklyn, Dec. 15, was vacated by Judge Reid on Saturday last. The statute makesian order of injunction granted on ex parks statements returnable within ten days from the date of its being issued; this, by instale, was made 15. Judge Reid has issued another injunction order, returnable Dec. 22.

JERSEY CITY .- The trial of Alonzo E. Kimhall, accused of complicity in the death of Ida W. Val by malpractice, was begun vesterday. Mrs. Metzler, who was convicted last work of the offense, was brought to court from the Hussen County jail and gave testmony in regard to the case. She testified that Kumball was the man who brought Miss Vail to her house and was in the house until the victim dled. The trial will be continued to day.... The confectionery store of Edward McGimus, at Proventer, and Pavonia-ave, was catered by burgian Sanday night, and a quantity of tobacco, eggrs, and inquors were store. The Cay Missionary, in his twentieth augmal-raport, states that during his term of service be

affilicted and several and reports, and made 7,801 visits to schools.

NEWARK.—A quantity of valuable goods which were recently left at the store of Philip A. Gifford, have been identified as the property of Madame Petgine of East North-8t. New-York. They were stolen by George Mentt and Thomas Moran, who rented a room at Madame Petgine's establishment, and effected an entrance thereto by cutting through Wainutst. About 9 o'clock yesterday morning were met by three rough-looking men, who demanded their money. The ladies were so frightened that lostead of giving an alarm they handed their purses to the robbers. ... The Committee of One Hundred decided last night not to apply for a writ of mandams to compel the City Auditor to lay his books open to the Committee of Experts, inasmuch as the member of the committee of Experts, inasmuch as the member of the committee of Experts, inasmuch to obtained without great difficulty.

PATRISON.—William Sweetman, a Hollander, residing in North Main-st., was struck by Engine No. 356 of the Eric Railway at Tyler-st. Sunday and seriously injured. Taken to St. Francis's Hospital... The December Term of the Passaic County Courts will be opened to-day.... To-day will be observed throughout the city as a day of fasting; humillation, and prayer. Union services will be need in the Market-st. M. E. Church at 1630 a. m., in the same church at 5 p. m., and in the First Baptist at 7345 p. m.

7:15 p. m.

Passarc.—The inquest in relation to the death of W.

F. Barclay and Conneilman McLean, by the fall of
Speer's hullding was continued yesterday, but no new
facts in relation to the disaster were ravealed. HOBOKEN.—The receipts of taxes reported thus far by he Collector amount to \$50,000.

LECTURES AND MEETINGS.

R. J. De Cordova delivered his "humorous lecture," entitled "Mrs. Grundy," at Steinway Hail, last evening. The proceeds of the lecture are to be appropriated for the relief of the poor.

A fair under the care of the women of Al-

pha Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was opened in Robinson Hall, last night, and will be continued until next week Wednesday. The proceeds of the fair will be added to the charity fund of the Order. At the Conference of the Baptist ministers,

esterday, the Rev. J. D. Fulton made remarks on the vasteraay, the Rev. J. Putton affirming that there was need of a revival. The subject of the address was afterward debated by the Revs. Messrs. McArthur, Yerkee, Winfield, and by other ministers. The Sunday-school Teachers' Association

the Sanday-school Teachers The Sanday-school Fedd its monthly meeting last night in Dr. Crosby's Church, at Fourth-ave, and Twenty-second-st. A class of children were questioned in regard to the new Testament. The Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Tyng delivered a short address on the duty of patient continuance in well doing. The first monthly meeting of the Associa-

tion for the Extension and Protection of the Reformed Dutch Church was held last night in the Collegiate Chapel, at Flith ave, and Twenty-ninth-st. A report of the Executive Committee was adopted, recommending the leasing of a building in Twenty-ninth-st., near Ninth-ave, for the purpose of providing a place of worship for Hollanders living in this city.

The Brooklyn Committee of One Hundred, at its meeting last night, considered the amendments to the charter of the city which it purposes to submit to the next Legislature for enactment. By the proposed amendments the powers of the present Commissions would be transferred to one person in every department. The section passed upon last night proposes to consolidate the Police and Excise departments under the rule of one Commissioner.

The meeting of the Committee of Kings County Board of Supervisors, appointed to investigate certain charges against the conduct of the Health Board certain charges against the object of the state of and terocurs Jones and Whitehill, met yesterday, and a salt-foundities was appointed to examine the records of the Board of Health. The sub-Committee will meet again this morning to examine the inquisition papers, and the Examining Committee will meet for further action text Friday.

At the meeting of the Methodist Preachers' Association, yesterday, the Rev. James Buckley read an essay on "Plagtarism in the Pulpit." He affirmed that the offense was a common one, and denounced it as one of the worst forms of dishonesty. The Rev. E. O. Haof the worst forms of dishoncesty. The fev. E. C. fraven. D. D., in reply, said that he thought the motive of a preacher should be regarded in passing judgment upon his moral responsibility for placiarism. Homer and Shakes-pears were plaguarists, so also was St. Peter when he quoted words from St. Jude without giving eredit. The Rev. B. M. Adams and the Rev. C. D. Foss also speke in regard to the subject of the essay. The Rev. Mr. George of the Oneda tribe of Indians, described the mode of his conversion.

The Rev. Dr. Newman Hall repeated, by repuest, at the Brick Church in Pifth-ave., last evening, as discourse upon the "Reasonableness of Prayer." He gave a logical answer to most of the objections urged by skeptics to the utility of prayer, and main tained its reasonableness as well as its untold benefits on intellectual moral, spiritual and Scriptural grounds. on intellectual moral, spiritual and Scriptural grounds. At the close of the lecture Dr. Hall stated that he had now been in this country about three mouths, and had traveled several thousand miles, defraying his own expenses and preaching to large congregations. It had been his custom to take up a collection wherever he went, not for himself, but as contributions to the international monument about to be crected to the memory of Abraham Lincoin in his church in London. Three thousand pounds had been fixed as the sum to be furnished by each nation. The English part of the fund was already subscribed, and he was happy to state that only about \$1,000 remained to complete the American pertion.

A WIFE-MURDERER IMPRISONED FOR LIFE. John McDermott, the laborer who killed his wife last August and tried to kill himself soon after arrested was indicted for murder in the first dein the second degree. When brought up yesterday for sentence his counsel, Mr. Howe, read an affidavit from a ester of the prisoner to the effect that he is of unsound mind, and has constant illusions, such, for instance, as

that rats are his constant sleeping companions. The affidavit further states that the family have always con-

affidavit further states that the family have always considered him an idiot. Counset also reminded the Court of the desperate attempt which the prisoner made to commit suierde, smashing his skull in four places by butting it against the cell wall.

District-Attorney Phelps said he could prove that the prisoner fremarked atterathe attempted suiede that the injuries he inflicted on himself would have a good effect on his trial.

The prisoner was then sworn. He bent down in a most abject attitude, with his hands clasped as if in prayer, and when asked what he had to say, answered that his head was bad for two years past on account of sunstroke. Judge Daniels remarking that there was clear evidence of long intended design to murder and none of insanity such as would be a bar to punishment, sentenced him to hard flabor in Sing Sing for his.

For Bathing Infants-BURNETT'S KALLISTON.

MOTHERS, MOTHERS, MOTHERS !- Don't fail

CHRISTMAS should find in every household one of those cheerful servants, a WHERLER & WILSON Nos. 625 and 1.141 Broadway, New York, 306 Pulton-st., Brooklyn, 8 Newark ave., Jersey City.

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